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Dear Parents and Friends

### Cinderella concert

This is our last newsletter before our concert on 5, 6 and 7 September. Please take note of the following:

1. Ticket sales – we are almost sold out for the 2 evening performances, if you have not bought your tickets, please do so **now**. We will not be having additional shows, nor will we sell tickets on the night.  
***Parents who do not have tickets will not be accommodated, nor will we allow ANY parents to stand at the back of the hall or at any other entrance.*** We need all the entrances free to allow children to enter and leave the hall. At our previous concert, we allowed parents to stand at the back and this caused a horrible traffic jam.
2. Arriving late – At our last concert we also had a massive problem with parents arriving late for the concert and expecting to be allowed in. We will NOT allow parents who arrive late to come into the hall for a number of reasons:
  - It is hugely disruptive for the children, who are nervous as it is, to have people moving in and out.
  - Doug Foulkes will be filming the show to get the best possible DVD for parents to purchase. Noise and movement will be picked up by the sensitive microphones.
3. Times – We would like all the children to be at school one hour before the concert. For the two evening performances (Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 September) children must therefore be at school by 17h30. For the matinee on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, children must be at school by 08h00 as usual for Grade R-7, the playgroup and Grade 0 children must be at school by 08h45 at the latest.  
For the Playgroup parents whose children don't usually attend school on Mondays and Wednesdays, we would be most grateful if they could attend school for the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 31 August and the matinee performance on Monday 5 September.
4. Extra mural activities – all extra-mural activities (except for ballet and Beaux-Art) will be cancelled because the hall will not be available and the children will also be tired and the younger ones need a nap before the concert. There will therefore be no ballskills or karate on Monday, hockey on Tuesday, Soccer or drama on Wednesday or chess on Thursday.
5. Playgroup and Grade 0 children leaving early – at our last concert, all the children stayed for the curtain call at the end of the concert. This makes it a long evening for the little ones. If you are not watching the concert, you can collect your playgroup or Grade 0 child

straight after their performance. If you are watching the concert, we will supervise them until the concert is finished.

6. Snacks and drinks – there will be snacks (samosas, donuts etc) and non-alcoholic drinks (water and juice) on sale in front of the hall (or in the office if the weather is poor), from 17h30 to 18h30. So when you drop off your child, please join us for some light refreshments.
7. Attendance compulsory – Please remember that every child at the school is taking part in the concert, so attendance is compulsory. If your child can't attend because of illness or another emergency, please let your child's class teacher know.

I am extremely excited about the concert. Sophia Passerini and Samantha Thwaites and all the teachers have been working incredibly hard and I have no doubt that the concert will be an unqualified success.

To all our talented actors and actresses, 'break a leg' and enjoy the fun!

## WPS FIRST HOCKEY MATCH



Both teams with our coach Lauren Greeff



Enthusiastic cheer leaders!



On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August two proud Wellington Prep hockey teams played against WA Joubert's under 11 teams. This marked an historic occasion being our first hockey match and although the players were well prepared, they were a little unsure of what to expect. We unfortunately lost the first game (against their boys) but managed to draw the second game (against the girls). Special thanks go to coach Lauren for getting our hockey players up to such a high standard in such a short period of time. We must also mention Caris Samuels and Connor Rademan who accepted the challenge of playing goalie without any experience, and did a very good job. Thank you to the parents and supporters who were so enthusiastic. Our next match will be on 13<sup>th</sup> September against Simond. 2 senior teams and 1 junior team will be playing.

## **Cross country**

The last cross country event of the term will take place this Friday at CPUT in Wellington. Not only have our cross country participants grown in numbers, but our Wellington Prep children seem to be getting faster with each event. At our last event, held at Cheve Sports Grounds, Lizzy Thomson in Grade 1, came 9<sup>th</sup>, competing against 5 schools. Well done Lizzy! The cold and wet weather does not seem to scare off any Wellington Prep children.

## **Communication sheets**

Communication sheets for Grades R-7 will be sent home today, please sign and return on Monday.

## **FEES FOR 2012**

The fees for next year have now been finalised by the Management Committee and will be as detailed below. Fees are payable for 11 months from January to November payable by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Playgroup: R 550.00 (3 days per week)  
R 880.00 (5 days per week)

Grade 0 & R: R1100.00

Grades 1-3: R1320.00

Grades 4-7: R1430.00

Aftercare: R485.00 per month, school days only

## **Xhosa lessons**

My sincere apologies for only getting back to parents now about optional extra Xhosa lessons after school. We have had some difficulty finding a suitably qualified teacher and a day and time that suits everybody. I am pleased to announce that we have now found an excellent teacher in Sanet Cox, who is a Xhosa lecturer at CPUT and has also taught at leading schools. We will only be in a position to start these lessons next year once Sanet's new lecturing timetable is finalised. Once we have more information, we will let you know.

## **Potholes**

The school would like to apologise for the state of the roads, particularly the potholes. Whilst the upgrade of the parking lot has worked well, the repair we have done to the road has not. We have met with a number of people and we are looking at various options. Please understand that tarring or paving the road would cost hundreds of thousands of rands and is unaffordable unless we drastically increase school fees. We appreciate your understanding and patience whilst we explore less expensive options.

## **Cricket for term 4**

The Grade R – 3 children will bring a cricket letter home today. Please fill it in and return it to their class teacher if they would like to take part in cricket next term.

## **Aftercare cell phone**

Please remember to use your child's name when sending an SMS to the aftercare. We can do nothing with 'my child will be in aftercare'.

## **Mathletics**

The teachers are making excellent use of the Mathletics programmes in class, but few children are making use of Mathletics at home. Doing mental maths against other learners is not only excellent for a child's maths skills but good fun too. Please encourage your child to play Mathletics if you have internet at home. Well done to Bevan Blaauw who was in the top 60 in South Africa this week.

## **Arbour Day: 1 September**

Our Arbour Day Celebration this year starts at 10h30 in the hall with a short talk to the pupils by Daryl Sampson of 'Samgro' about Arbour day and how to plant and care for trees. One learner per family will receive a small tree which they can take home to plant.

Thereafter, we will be planting two 'Celtic Sinesis' deciduous trees with the help of Rudi Neethling of Treeco. One tree will be for shade at our computer classroom and the other is to be planted alongside the Grade 5 classroom.

## **Eid**

We would like to wish all of our Muslim parents and children a happy Eid Mubarak for next week.

## **Eddy: Dance lessons**

Eddy informed us on Wednesday that he is stopping dance lessons at the school with immediate effect. He has not told us why, although we have heard rumours that he is starting a new job.

## **BARGAIN WINE SALE**

From time to time, Diemersfontein kindly offers us wine specials at discount prices. We have just been offered 200 cases of the award winning 2006 Diemersfontein Pinotage for R50 a bottle as there was a problem with the label. The school will make R15 on each bottle sold. The usual cellar price for this wine is R79 a bottle, so this is a saving of R29 per bottle. Last time we had a special like this, we sold all 300 cases in two and a half days. We are not starting to sell until this newsletter goes out, so everybody has an equal chance to buy. The wine can be purchased from the front office or by EFT and email. Don't delay!

Thank you for your continued support,

Warm regards

Mike Aubin and the WPS team